

Notes: March 18, 2016 Call between EPA Region 10 & State Agriculture Directors

Participants:

- *Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA): Derek Sandison and Patrick Capper*
- *Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA): Brian Oakey and George Robinson*
- *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA): Katie Coba*
- *EPA: Dennis McLerran, Lucy Edmondson, Jim Werntz, Tony Barber, Linda Anderson-Carnahan, Catherine Gockel*

Round Table Updates:

Washington

Gypsy Moths

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Burrowing shrimp

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Nooksack/Transboundary Water Quality Issues

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Cannabis and Hemp

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Oregon
Gypsy Moths

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Industrial Hemp

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Pesticides Used on Cannabis and Hemp

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Ag and Water Quality

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Portland Air Toxics

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Idaho

Pollinator Protection Plan

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Worker Protection Standard

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Certification and Training Rule

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Methyl Bromide

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EPA Region 10 Updates and Notes

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- Dennis- EPA gave a grant to the NW Indian Fisheries Commission. One of their subawards was to the Swinomish Tribe, who has developed a “WhatsUpstream” advertising campaign. This campaign has resulted in a negative reaction from the dairy and ag communities, particularly in NW Washington. Now there is a counter website and counter campaign from the dairy and ag community.

Discussion

- WSDA- It’s difficult to have constructive conversations with all this anger. Foresee continued conflict until folks can carry on a conversation.
- Dennis- Will be transitioning out at the end of the year. Is there anything Ag Directors would like Dennis to wrap up?
- ODA- Recommends continuing these information-sharing calls with the next Regional Administrator.
- Idaho and WA- These are valuable conversations.